Further, Govt. is formulating an enhance Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance in which interalia. the malaria endamic districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh is proposed to be covered. Central assistance in the form of materials amounting to Rs. 908.26 lakhs has been earmarked to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97.

Opening of more C.G.H.S,. I.S.M. and H. Dispensaries in Delhi

2504. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for development/expansion of C.G.H.S., Indian System of Medicine and Homopeopathy by opening of more C.G.H.S.Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispansaries/Consultation chambers, Addition of more modern drugs in the formularies, Establishment of Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists and upgradation of C.G.H.S. units of I.S.M.and H. in Delhi under active consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details and the action being taken by Government to accept the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The 9th Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet. Opening of some units under Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Systems of medicine had been envisaged, for both Delhi as well as outside Delhi, but this would depend on the resources made available for the 9th Five Year Plan.

There is no proposal at present for establishment of Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists or for addition of more drugs in the formulary.

Spread of Aids in Pune, Maharashtra

2505. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the John Hopkins University of USA as reported in the Sunday Times dated December 29, 1996, AIDS is spreading fast amongst Indian population, with over 21% of population of Pune found HIV positive;

(b) if so, what is Government's latest estimate about the number and percentage of people testing HIV positive and the number of persons suffering from AIDS; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the spread of this dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The news item published in Times of India dated 29th Dec. 1996 is based on the publication of an article "Evidence for high prevalence and rapid". Transmission of HIV among individuals attending STD clinics in Pune, India in the Indian Journal of Medical Research. The study was carried out in STD clinics attendees (High risk) and not in the general population.

(b) As on February, 1997, 50984 HIV positive cases have been reported and 3263 number of persons are suffering from AIDS in the country.

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The Strategies of the programme consist of creation of awareness amongst high risk

behavious group and general public about HIV/AIDS, control of Sexually Transmitted Disease, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, strengthen the surveillance; and diagnosis and clinical Management of HIV/AIDS cases.

High Powered Committee for the Betterment of Nursing Personnel

2506. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered committee was appointed by Government for the betterment of nursing personnel;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its remmendations;

(c) if so, the salient features of the recommendations;

(d) whether the recommendations were discussed with the nursing staff representatives;

(e) if so, whether the mutually accepted recommendations have been implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of the High Power Committee relate to betterment of employment, working hours, workload, working facilities, pay & allowances, promotional opportunities, career development, accomodation, transport facilities, special incentives and other welfare measures for nursing personnel

(d) and (f) Since most of the recommendations were to be implemented by the State Govt./UT Administrations, the same have been sent to them for necessary action.

Shortage of Accommodation for Nurses of AIIMS

2507. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of family acommodation for nurses of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether steps are being taken to construct more family accommodation for nurses of AIIMS near the place of their work;

(c) number of quarters constrcuted during the last three years; and

(d) the number of quarters are proposed to be constructed during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) These are shortage of family accommodation for nurses of AIIMS.

(b) 200 Type III Quarters are under construction at A.V. Nagar, New Delhi and the work is nearing completion.

(c) In the recent past a hostel for nurses was constructed at Masjid Moth campus making provisions for 186 single rooms and 110 rooms for married nurses.

(d) A projection has been made in the 9th Five Year Plan for construction of remaining flats for general category.

Nursing Schools and Colleges Recognised by Government in Gujarat

2508. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of schools and colleges of nursing recognised by Government presently functioning in the State of Gujarat with details thereof;

(b) number of nurses passing out therefrom every year at present;

(c) whether Government propose to sanction more nursing schools/colleges in